







WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?



ALL I WANT IS A PLACE I CAN CALL HOME.



IT'S THE MOST WONDROUS TOOL AN ALCHEMIST CAN HOPE













HE'S A RARITY IN THIS DAY AND AGE.



HE'S NO ALCHEMIST OR CHAR-LATAN. HE'S THE REAL THING.















THAT'S RARE AMONG YOUR KIND--FOR ALL THE GOOD YOUR LUCK MAY HAVE DONE YOU.













I'M NOT TAKING HER. SHE'D JUST BE A BURDEN.

WHO CARES? SHE HAS ONLY THE TIMEST INHERI-TANCE. TO US.

BUT IF WE SEND HER TO AN ORPHANAGE, THE NEIGH-BORS--









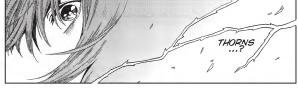




































































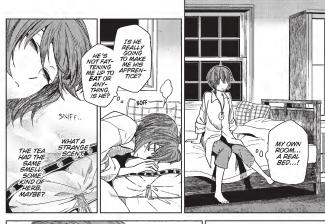


YOU WILL BE A MAGNIFI-CENT MAGE ONE DAY.

















































































Don't worry your head about that! It's--

















































































































































































NEARLY ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE, BUT YOU HAVE TO STUDY AS HARD AS ALCHEMISTS DO.

SOUNDS LIKE MAGIC'S BUT IT'S THE EASY NOT. WE'RE MANIPULAT-WAY, HUH? ING SOMEONE ELSE'S

WORK WITH ANY KIND OF PRECISION.

POWER, AND THAT MAKES IT HARD TO











































WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?







A BIT TOO MUCH.



























































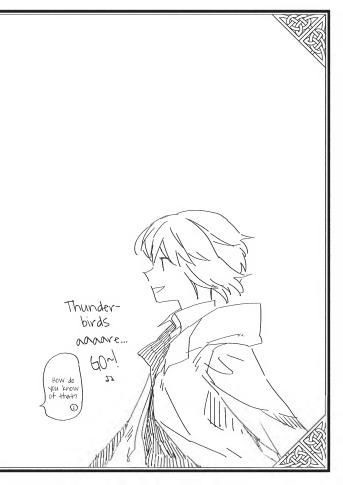
































RATHER THAN DELAY FURTHER?













SETTING
ASIDE THE
OTHER
ALCHEMISTS
FOR THE
MOMENT,
YOUR RECENT
BEHAVIOR
IS NOT
INSIGNIFICANT.



THE OTHER
INCIDENTS WERE
SMALL ENOUGH
TO GLOSS
OVER. BUT I
CAN'T AVOID
REPORTING
THIS TO MY
SUPERIORS.

YOU'VE
BEEN
QUIET FOR
DECADES,
AND NOW
YOU
SUDDENLY
TAKE AN
APPRENTICE?





































































THE
ALCHEMISTS
LOVE TO
GIVE DIFFERENT SPECIES
TONGUE-

TWISTING "SCIENTIFIC"

NAMES ...





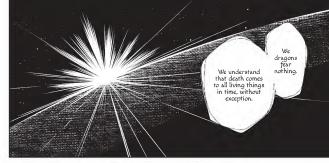
































































NATURE TOOK ITS COURSE.
FROM
THE EARLIEST OF DAYS, DRAGONS HAVE DESIRED...









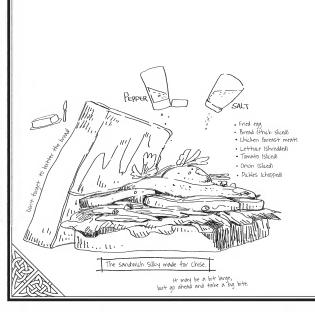




































































































































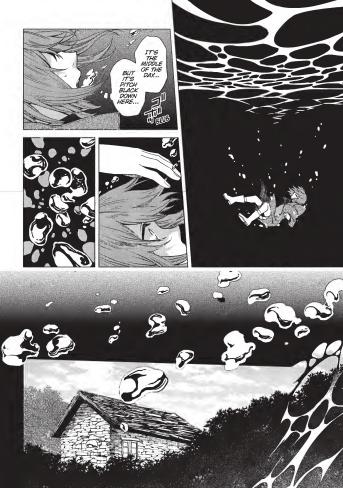




















































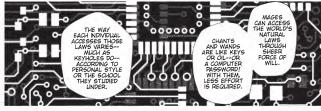


















If you submerge something in deep. cold water, you can preserve it for a long time.

But to obliterate it, you want **air**.

> Flesh and bone, trees and stone, we wear it all down to dust.



































THAT WASN'T A DIRECT ANSWER...



BUT HE'S PRETTY GOOD AT SAYING THINGS WITH HIS EYES.

AND YET SOMEHOW IT STRUCK ME AS CERTAIN.

























Something That

AFTERWORD













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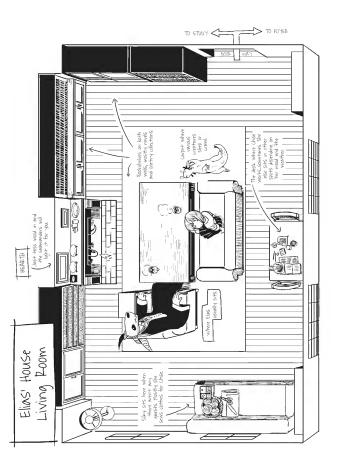






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